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Liz, Amy and John

The original email from this reporter went, was also sent to comms in Region 10. We are getting any info they have so you are aware.

I am also copying Justin Schwab as he was involved in this matter at the time, as well.

Thanksng

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FYI Nancy... please let me know if HQ is responding -- and if you want R10 to respond as well. Thanks.

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Subject: FW: Pebble lobbying

Hi Suzanne,

Just sent this email to HQ about correspondence that we obtained via FOIA. However, there was another exchange (see attached) that I was hoping to get a comment from Region 10 about.

In the email, Pebble's lobbyist Peter Robertson states that if Mr. Schnare has "questions after speaking with Region 10, I would really appreciate the opportunity to respond to them."

Did Region 10 officials speak with Mr. Schnare in connection to the Pebble project and associated proposed Clean Water Act restrictions after this Feb. 22 meeting with Mr. Roberston? What message did Region 10 officials relay to him about the Pebble mine?

I am working on a deadline of noon EST tomorrow. Any information you can provide would be very much appreciated.

Best,

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Subject: Pebble lobbying

J.P., Liz, John and Amy,

Myself and a colleague are working on a piece about Pebble Partnership lobbying EPA to reach a legal settlement and allow the permit process for the mining project in Bristol Bay, Alaska to begin.

We will be quoting from emails and other records released to the Natural Resources Defense Council under a Freedom of Information Act request (please see attached). I have a few questions about this, which are:

- Did David Schnare bring a “specific proposal” from Pebble Partnership to Administrator Pruitt (please see page 2 of EPA 4880 000046)?
- Did EPA headquarters consult with EPA Region 10 on the settlement lifting proposed restrictions on mining in Bristol Bay?
- On May 12, EPA did reach a settlement that allows the permit process for the mining project in Bristol Bay to begin. How much influence did Pebble Partnership’s lobbying of EPA influence the agency’s decision?

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